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REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

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Sir:

In reply to the Final Office Action dated January 5, 2007, the non-fee period for response to which extending through April 5, 2007, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider the outstanding grounds for rejection for the following reasons.

As discussed on page 2 of the outstanding Final Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1, 3, 18, 20, 27, 29, 36, and 38 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as allegedly being anticipated by Ichijo et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,821,828). Ichijo et al., however, fails to render the claimed invention unpatentable. Each of the claims recite a specific combination of features that distinguishes the invention from the prior art in different ways. For example, independent claims 1 recites a combination that includes, among other things:

forming a first amorphous semiconductor film . . . forming a material including a metal element to promote crystallization over the first amorphous semiconductor film . . . heating the first amorphous semiconductor film to form a first crystalline semiconductor film . . . forming a second amorphous semiconductor film over the first crystalline semiconductor film by sputtering,

(claim 1, ll. 2-8). Independent claim 3 recites yet another combination that includes, inter

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